

and there his parents live respected by their neighbors. Bad Ben was the black sheep.

On March 18, 1901, Bad Ben and his pal, Bert Welty, held up, robbed and killed Alvin Bateman, postmaster at Red Rock, Okla. Welty was caught and given a life term. Bad Ben escaped and next day killed Deputy Sheriff Tom Johnson. Then he dropped out of sight.

In 1911 Charles Maust was handed a four year term for stealing a horse in Andrews county, Mo. At the Missouri penitentiary Maust was Bertillioned and discovered to be a dead ringer for Bad Ben Cravens' Bertillion record made in the Kansas prison in 1895, when he was serving a 20-year term for highway robbery.

Bad Ben hadn't finished that term, for in the early days of his "time" he overpowered his guards and escaped from the prison mines, killing an officer in his line of escape.

But Kansas waived its claim on the outlaw to Oklahoma, and he was brought here for trial. His attorney, "Al" Jennings, once a leader of train robbers, was at one time a guest (on life term) in the federal prison at Columbus, Ohio, but was pardoned a few years ago by President Roosevelt.

The defense claimed that Maust wasn't Bad Ben Cravens, but a hard working horse thief. The jury held that while he might be a horse thief, he was also a murderer and to Fort Leavenworth with him.

As Charles Maust, Bad Ben

had married at Mound City, Mo., and become the father of two boys, now in the state orphanage at Fargo, N. D.

TO INVESTIGATE "MONEY TRUST"



Representative Arsene P. Pujo of Louisiana, is chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, which will investigate the "Money Trust."

WEATHER REPORT

Warmer Saturday—Fair and continued cold tonight, with lowest temperature about 4 above zero for Chicago and vicinity; Saturday fair, with rising temperature; light to moderate northwesterly winds tonight, becoming variable Saturday.

